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REF: SECTO 10011

FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 24 FROM THE SHAH TO YOU:

QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORAL MESSAGE. I FOLLOW WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR PRESENT ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONCLUDE YOUR CURRENT MISSION SUCCESSFULLY AS IT IS SO VITALLY NEEDED. I ABHOR EVEN THE IDEA THAT YOUR EFFORTS WILL NOT MEET WITH SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH WE ARE ALL AWARE. (PARAGRAPH) REGARDING OUR OWN BILATERAL RELATIONS, I AM VERY MUCH DISAPPOINTED THAT OUR TALKS ON OIL HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THEY MIGHT EVEN BE INCONCLUSIVE, ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS WHICH WE FIRST DISCUSSED WHEN WE MET IN ZURICH. I AM ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT PLACED AN ORDER FOR OUR SPRUANCE CLASS DESTROYERS AS THIS WILL POSTPONE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS OUR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. (PARAGRAPH) THERE ARE OTHER SMALL MATTERS WHICH MY PEOPLE WILL DISCUSS WITH OUR AUTHORITIES IN DUE COURSE. (PARAGRAPH) WITH BEST WISHES AND REGARDS, SINCERELY, MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI. END QUOTE.

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